

On this particular day I am reminded of a wise-crack I made during the war that went around the world. We were having a general election here and up to noon none of the main city polling places had opened, due to a shortage of election officials. I reported in this column, and to the Associated Press, that the trouble was, "All the young men have gone to war, and all the old men have gone duck-hunting." That night the wise-crack was on all four radio networks, and for weeks afterwards I got newspaper clippings from all over the world, including one from Johannesburg, South Africa. We still have ducks, hunters — and war.

One hopeful thought is that despite all the rhetoric in the press and on the air a crisis oftentimes resolves itself in its own way — frequently leaving the prophets with faces red. I recall a verbal collision with my father when I was studiously reading the old Literary Digest and setting up for a political observer at the ripe old age of 12. The scene was Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where Luzerne county had completed a new courthouse at a cost of about 1½ million dollars. Somebody made off with a few hundred thousand in graft, and father was foreman of a special grand jury that conducted the investigation. Somebody got indicted. Father attended the trial, and came home full of enthusiasm about the district attorney's (we call 'em prosecutors down here) charge to the trial jury. "If you don't convict this party," father said the district attorney said, "we might as well tear down these pillars of justice." (I. e., that new courthouse that cost 1½ million dollars.) Next morning I opened the Wilkes-Barre Record and read that the guy went scot-free. "Now will they tear the courthouse down?" I asked the head of the house — and got a piercing dirty look that set this budding journalist back at least 10 years.

Hope begins operation of the new parking meter system Monday — something that is designed to keep downtown business cars off the street so there will be room for housewives in the residential area and visitors from the trade zone to park and shop. Hope lives on the trade that is brought here, and the parking meter development is logical and necessary.

I have two suggestions to make: 1. That the City of Hope scrupulously keep all the revenue from the parking meters for the building and maintaining of city streets. The charge that the meter fees constitute "a new tax" won't be true unless the city makes the mistake of diverting this revenue to purposes other than the streets. Revenue derived from motor traffic ought to be used exclusively for the improvement of the thoroughfares that automobiles use.

2. The coming of the meters means there will be a considerable development of off-the-street parking lots, and people who make such an investment are due protection by the city — which means, the meter system has got to be enforced without fear or favor, every hour, every weekday.

If we keep these two points in mind we'll have no trouble.

To me, one of the most interesting newspapers columns in America is "London Cable" feature which the Wall Street Journal publishes every Monday. It's a close-up of business, politics, and everyday life, in England and Europe. Here's a paragraph that Warren H. Phillips cabled from London under date of November 27:

"European unity prospects reached a new low last week. . . The French, Germans and Italians want to give up their national identities and become simply Europeans. The British and Scandinavians, while willing to co-operate with their neighbors on economic and military matters, want to hang on to their individual national sovereignties. One reason is that to the British and Scandinavians the homeland has meant relative safety and stability during the past century. To the French, Germans and Italians it has meant turmoil, insecurity and repeated wars and occupations — so they're grasping for a new setup to put their faith in."

Imaginary

El Dorado is an imaginary country in South America, fabled to be very rich in gold and precious stones; hence the term refers to an inexhaustible treasure.

Helped Him

Substitution of compressed air for the lung power of the glass blower was one of the first industrial modifications of the ancient art of glass making.

Gigantic Growth

If a single oyster lived until it had great-great-grandchildren, the shells of all its offspring would make a pile light times the size of the earth.

Meters for Car Parking Begin Monday

City police announced today that parking meters will be in operation in the downtown district of Hope beginning Monday, December 4.

Automobiles must be parked within the yellow lines marked off for each meter. The meters accept either pennies or nickels, or any combination of the two — but dimes don't count. Here is the schedule of parking charges:

12 minutes — one penny.

One hour — one nickel, or equivalent in pennies.

Two hours — two nickels, or equivalent in pennies.

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Around the banks and the post-office are a few special meters which accept one penny only, the parking limit in these areas being 12 minutes.

The meters will be in operation from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. week-days, there being free parking at night and all day Sunday.

The police department statement today said that drivers who find a meter-violation ticket on their car can escape paying a fine by taking the ticket to police headquarters within an hour and depositing a nickel in the sealed meter at the station. Police will then void the ticket.

Path Clear for Profits Tax Increase

Washington, Dec. 2 — (P) — The path was clear today for almost certain house passage of a \$3,400,000 excess profits tax bill. President Truman has asked \$4,000,000 from this source.

The ways and means committee and the rules committee gave the measure approval yesterday. The house will debate it Monday with a final vote set for Tuesday.

House leaders, spurred by President Truman's budget request for new defense revenues, were ready to rush the tax measure to the senate in time for action there before the present congress expires Jan. 3.

Republicans opposed the measure described it as a "pig in a poke" and unworkable. Administration Democrats called it a legislative must.

The tax-writing senate finance committee begins hearings Monday on similar legislation. It took the house ways and means committee two weeks and two days to complete action on their bill.

Prospects of senate passage, never very bright, appeared better, but a lot depended on how fast the finance committee could write out a bill.

Senator Millikin (R-Colo.) said the Korean crisis and new defense needs might speed up congressional action. He said the same duck session may yet send a corporate tax bill to the White House.

Senator George (D-Ga.), finance committee chairman said the senate hearings would be "unlimited and uncensored" and would deal with alternatives to a straight excess profits tax. He hinted senators may shoot for a greater tax return than is provided in the house bill.

And he said he did not think that bill would yield more than \$3,000,000 because of tax relief adjustments made in favor of utilities, new business and so-called growth corporations. House tax experts agreed that those relief features might reduce their original estimate.

Oil Dealers Rapped by Governor

Little Rock, Dec. 2 — (P) — Arkansas oil dealers began today mapping campaign plans to ward off any increase in the state's gasoline tax.

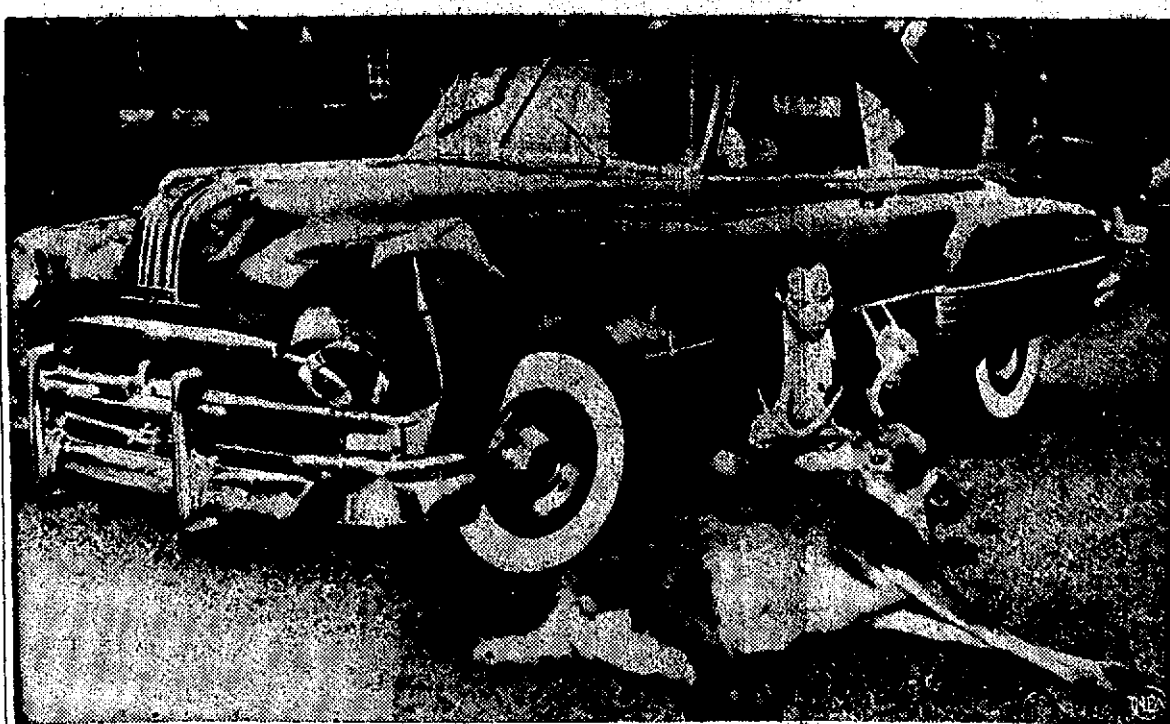
Fuel for the campaign was drawn yesterday after Governor McMath accused the dealers of 1) keeping gasoline taxes high, and 2) opposing his legislation for highway construction.

The accusation quickly drew a denial from officials of the Oil Dealers Association of Arkansas who expressed "amazement" at McMath's statement.

Groundwork for the campaign actually was laid last Tuesday when the association, in convention here, passed a resolution opposing any gasoline tax increase.

Governor McMath's statement was made at a news conference in which he discussed the state's financial crisis. He indicated that he favored a hike in gasoline taxes but added that if the legislature does increase the tax, he thought

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A BLACK CAT WAS THE CAUSE OF IT ALL—Motorist Gene Bengel of St. Louis, Mo., above, is convinced that it's true what they say about black cats. Bengel was driving along, minding his own business, when a black cat, being chased by an eight-point buck, darted out of the weeds into the path of his car. Bengel missed the cat, but killed the deer, and now has a \$200 repair bill for his damaged fender.

Congress Set to Pump More Into Defense

Washington, Dec. 2 — (P) — Congress appeared ready today to pump another \$17,850,000 into the national defense effort to help check what President Truman called "the imperialist designs of the Soviet Union."

Hardly had the President asked for the money yesterday when the house appropriations committee started hearings.

At the end of the first of probably 10 days of hearings, committee members, Republicans and Democrats alike, told newsmen privately there is nothing much that congress can do except provide the money.

A top Republican summed up the committee attitude this way: "It's a lot of money and it's going to mean heavier taxes for everybody but we just can't take any chances now. It would cost much more to lose the war."

There was little early inclination to try to trim the new military budget, which would boost to around \$42,000,000 the funds appropriated by congress for national defense for the year ending next June 30.

In fact, some influential house members said the new amount might not be enough and more may be needed later.

All but \$1,050,000,000 of the new fund would be given to the army, the navy, the air force and the marine corps to put muscle on the defense machine and to buy the tools of warfare, mainly airplanes, tanks and guns.

The \$1,050,000,000 were earmarked for the atomic energy commission which plans to expand its atom bomb production capacity.

Congressional leaders hurriedly fixed a tentative timetable for final action on a bill providing the extra money. They mentioned Dec. 21 as a possible deadline.

The senate appropriations committee arranged to start hearings Monday, questioning witnesses as quickly as the house committee finishes with them.

Among those closeted with the house committee yesterday were Secretary of Defense Marshall and General Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff. They were accompanied by an array of generals and admirals.

Rep. Mahon (D-Tex.), who is conducting the hearings, told newsmen the committee received only an overall report on the tense international situation. The details, he said, will be provided by later witnesses, starting Monday.

Cub Pack 90 to Meet on Tuesday

Cub Scout Pack 90 is having its first Pack meeting of this winter Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p. m. at the First Baptist Church. Cubmaster Hendrix Spraggins announced today.

The Dens have been meeting regularly for several weeks under the leadership of Den Mothers, Mrs. James H. Jones, Mrs. Oliver Adams, Mrs. Louis E. Crain and Mrs. Frank Douglas.

The Den mothers are to receive training certificates for a training course held in Hope recently by Paul Erick, Council Scout Executive.

Twenty-eight boys will receive 52 awards for advancement done at home and in their Dens. All parents are expected to attend. Other boys and parents interested in joining Cub scouting are invited to attend.

Acheson Calls in Austin for Talk

Washington, Dec. 2 — (P) — Secretary of State Acheson called Warren Austin, U. S. delegate to the United Nations, here from Lake Success today for a conference on the Korean situation.

At the same time the army announced that Gen. J. Lawton Collins, army chief of staff, is on his way to the Far East by air to confer with Gen. Douglas MacArthur on the military situation.

State department officials, asked about Austin's visit, said the U. S. government is talking with other U. N. members about further action to meet the Communist threat in Korea and noted that these talks are being conducted chiefly through the U. S. delegation at Lake Success.

Austin flew here from New York. He was accompanied by Deputy U. S. Delegate Ernest A. Gross.

An army spokesman said Collins left Washington at 8 p. m. EST yesterday.

He was accompanied by Maj. Gen. Charles P. Cabell, director of intelligence for the air force, and a representative of the navy. The identity of the navy representative was not disclosed immediately.

The army spokesman said Collins will determine how the army department can best assist MacArthur's command.

Collins is expected to reach Tokyo some time tonight. Announcement of Collins' trip was made at the regular daily briefing of newsmen at the Pentagon.

The Confusion of a General Retreat Brings Trouble for War Correspondents Also

By DON HUTH
For Hal Boyle

U. S. Eighth army Headquarters, Korea — (P) — Reporters striving to keep abreast of developments in this war have been wandering like lost souls the past few days, looking for the front lines.

The sudden general withdrawal of United Nations troops along the entire battlefield in north west Korea has brought on the confusion.

Command posts were correspondents depart in the morning are not there by nightfall. They've usually been moved to some rear location. A road, leading toward the front one day is a battle area the next. Enemy road blocks bob up regularly on supposedly well established supply routes. At any turn sniper fire may come ping-pong toward the highway.

Fighting shifts rapidly, often before a newsmen at corps headquarters can get to the scene of a reported action. More than one correspondent headed for the front has passed through a town, and then been told at an advance command post, "hell, that town fell to the enemy an hour ago, and there are a couple of road blocks in the road you used."

In any sector the situation may change in minutes. Jeep-loads of newsmen stop frequently along the way to ask about conditions ahead. The answer they usually get is, "I don't know any more than you do."

Associated Press Correspondent Tom Lambert visited one command post in the U. S. Second division's area and left before dark to write and send out his story. When he returned next morning he found that the Chinese had broken into the CP perimeter, killing officers and men in their tents. The post had been moved to the rear during the night.

Like homing pigeons, correspondents from all points along the front have filtered back to Eighth

Farmers to Vaccinate for Bangs Disease

To date 127 Hempstead County farmers have requested that replacement heifers be vaccinated for Bangs disease, reports Oliver L. Adams, County Agent. The calfhood vaccination program will start Monday for the crop of heifers four to eight months of age.

Joe Hamilton, vaccinator representing the Bureau of Animal Industry and the State Veterinarian will call at each farm requesting vaccination. Each heifer owner will be notified by the county agent by mail the date and hour Mr. Hamilton will visit his farm.

The vaccination program started in this area August 1949. To date 1338 calves have been vaccinated on 237 farms.

Monday morning Mr. Hamilton will start the program at the Roy Fry ranch west of Hope where 56 heifers to be kept for cows will be vaccinated.

Tuesday morning 20 heifers in the Paul Cornelius Hereford herd at Fulton will be vaccinated.

Nathan Hendrix, Negro, about 4 miles south of Fulton on Red river has two that will be vaccinated Tuesday morning.

Wednesday morning Jno. J. Wilson north of Columbus has 20 head to vaccinate and Horace Dillard, eight head.

Thursday will be spent in the Clow neighborhood vaccinating calves of negro farmers in cooperation with Ira Harris, teacher of vocational agriculture in the Clow Training School.

Original Play a Feature of Talent Night

"The Loves of Rosita", a play written by Sydney McMath Jr., will be one of the numbers presented on the Hope High School P.T.A. Talent program, Friday, December 8th, at 7:30 p. m. by Mrs. W. A. Williams' Spanish IIClub.

The members of the cast are as follows: Rosita, Ann Houston, a Mexican wife who has fallen in love with Nolen Stanford who plays the part of Jose. Hidalgo, James Russell, Rosita's husband, Dolores, Jo Anne Shields, a friend of Rosita and Charles, Richard Duffie, the waiter. Other members of the Spanish club will be in the background.

Introduction in English will be given by Nancy Hays. Stage manager will be Marilyn Shiver and assistant director Nannette Williams. Roberta Howard and Bobby Bishop are in charge of the music.

Other numbers on the program will be skits and specialty acts by the high school students, parents and teachers, a twenty minute performance of tricks by T. C. Thornton the magician, and musical renditions by the elementary and high school glee clubs and soloist Ted Jones, accompanied by Mrs. B. C. Hyatt.

Admission will be 50 and 25 cents and all proceeds will be used for P.T.A. school projects.

Too High
Bird songs cannot be reproduced easily in musical notation because most of them sing above the highest note of the piano and do not follow human rules of composition, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Almost Hit
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New Drive By Chinese Threatens North Korea Capital of Pyongyang

No Sizeable Reinforcement for Korea

By JACK BELL

Washington, Dec. 2 — (P) — Informed senators said today that Gen. Douglas MacArthur apparently is going to have to fight out the present critical stages of the Korean war without any sizeable reinforcements.

Some of them added that any decision which might free MacArthur from the present U. S. imposed ban against bombing Chinese Communists supply lines in Manchuria probably will await the outcome of talks President Truman begins here Tuesday with Prime Minister Attlee of Great Britain.

Mr. Truman told congress yesterday that an unspecified number of troops are on the way to embattled United Nations forces from Belgium, Colombia, Greece and Luxembourg. These are expected to involve little more than token contributions.

The President didn't mention any additional American units and three senators in a position to know said the lawmakers have been informed that there are no reserves considered available which can be sent to the aid of MacArthur's outnumbered troops. The three senators asked that they not be identified by name.

The trio said that as the strategy was outlined to them MacArthur would try to consolidate a defense line and dig in for a stand against the Chinese Communists. They said that so far as they can learn there is no present hope of a counter-offensive.

MacArthur himself has described the situation in Korea as critical, but not hopeless.

None of the three senators would forecast what happens after a defense line is formed.

But one of them said: "The military leaders are not going to pick Korea as the place to fight World War III."

Another said he had asked for a breakdown on disposition of the arms. Of these MacArthur is reported commanding seven U. S. divisions, which would mean under 100,000 men.

Mr. Truman told congress yesterday in asking for new military appropriations of \$16,800,000,000 that because of the Communist aggression "we face the necessity of having to raise our sights, both in terms of manpower and in terms of production" beyond the previous goal of having 2,500,000 men under arms by next July 1.

The President didn't say so, but many in congress believed that much of the proposed increase in manpower would be channeled toward Europe, rather than Asia. And it would be months in coming.

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Tokyo, Dec. 2 — (P) — Chinese Reds swarmed forth tonight for an attack on Pyongyang. Allied rear Echelon units and refugees streamed south of the former Korean Communist capital ahead of the new Red wave.

A spokesman said the Eighth army, trying desperately to hold a defense line 30 miles to the north, "will not withdraw from any position or from anywhere until forced to do so by enemy action."

If forced to do so, he added, "the army will" destroy things of military value to the enemy.

"This military policy will apply if it becomes necessary to evacuate. . . Pyongyang."

Inside the city of 300,000 population, Communist leaflets appeared proclaiming, "you shall be free from the enemy."

Koreans in Pyongyang were exhorted to "break down transportation and communications systems, the trains and warehouses. . ."

Korean Allied sympathizers warned that a fifth column had infiltrated Pyongyang. Rigid controls were set up at the city gates.

Powerful Chinese columns from a 500,000-man force thrown into the Korean campaign were rolling southward in a thrust at the Allies' exposed right flank.

Red vanguards had thrust into Songchon but American foot troops were fighting desperately to recapture the town and shore it up as the Eastern anchor to the new Allied defense line.

In north central Korea, the U. S. 10th corps said Seventh division units trapped on the east side of Changjin reservoir "have fought their way back to Hagaru Hakal-woo" with heavy losses of personnel and equipment.

Field dispatches did not say when or how the Chinese had occupied Songchon.

Massive Red forces were moving down from the Manchurian border to swell the mighty Communist blue-gray hammering in the Eighth army.

General MacArthur said the Chinese had thrown a "heavily armed" force into Korea. About half were arrayed against United Nations troops in battle and the other half were reported moving to the front.

"A state of undeclared war now exists between the Chinese Communists and the United Nations forces," MacArthur said in a public statement answering questions submitted by war correspondents.

Chinese generals were spending men lavishly to destroy the U. N. force before the issue of peace or total war is clarified completely.

Besides the blows against Allied forces in the northwest, Chinese were massing in north central Korea for a drive on the east coast. Its aim is to isolate U. N. troops in the northeast.

With the Chinese buildup rolling swiftly, the Eighth army faced the prospect of finding itself outnumbered soon six or seven divisions to one.

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Pleven, Attlee Confer Before U. S. Parley

London, Dec. 2 — (P) — Premier Rene Pleven arrived by plane today to confer with Prime Minister Attlee on problems the British leader take up with President Truman next week.

Pleven accompanied by Foreign Minister Robert Schuman landed at Northolt airport where they were to confer with British Foreign Minister Bevin at the prime minister's Downing street office.

Attlee hoped to receive the French impressions on the Korean crisis and the involvement of Communist China in the war before he flies to the United States tomorrow for conferences with President Truman.

The French premier came to conference with a strong preliminary note of confidence.

Pleven's cabinet won a vote of confidence from parliament last night by a thumping 347-184 vote, an unusually large margin for the current national assembly where cabinets sometimes fall by a few votes.

Only the Communists and extreme-rightist followers of Charles De Gaulle finally against Pleven.

Defeat for Pleven would mean new elections. An order of the day from the assembly expressed the hope that the Pleven government would continue its policy of domestic and foreign policy.

The assembly also gave a vote of confidence to the defense minister Jules Moch who has been under heavy fire for his handling of the Korean situation.

A vote was made to replace a Communist attempt to force Moch on the complaint that he tried to cover up an armistice involving the lack of a report on "indochina," French and "fighting a Communist rebellion."

Many non-Communist voters took advantage of a unusual session earlier this week to vote. The vote for Moch — 235 to 203 — was only of the absolute majority.

As a result of the vote, Pleven and the rest of the cabinet not in their resignations. President Vincent Auriol gestured a vote of confidence sought.

Meeting Called to Discuss Cucumber Acres

A countywide meeting to discuss cucumber acreage next year will be held at Monday, December 4, at City Hall.

L. L. Coleman, representative of the Brown-Miller plant nursery, will be present. He indicated there will be a rise in the price of cucumbers next year.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

School to Accept Bids on New Construction

The board of education Tuesday, December 5, of the superintendent of schools for the purpose of accepting bids on a portion of the system's new construction program.

SANTA SAYE

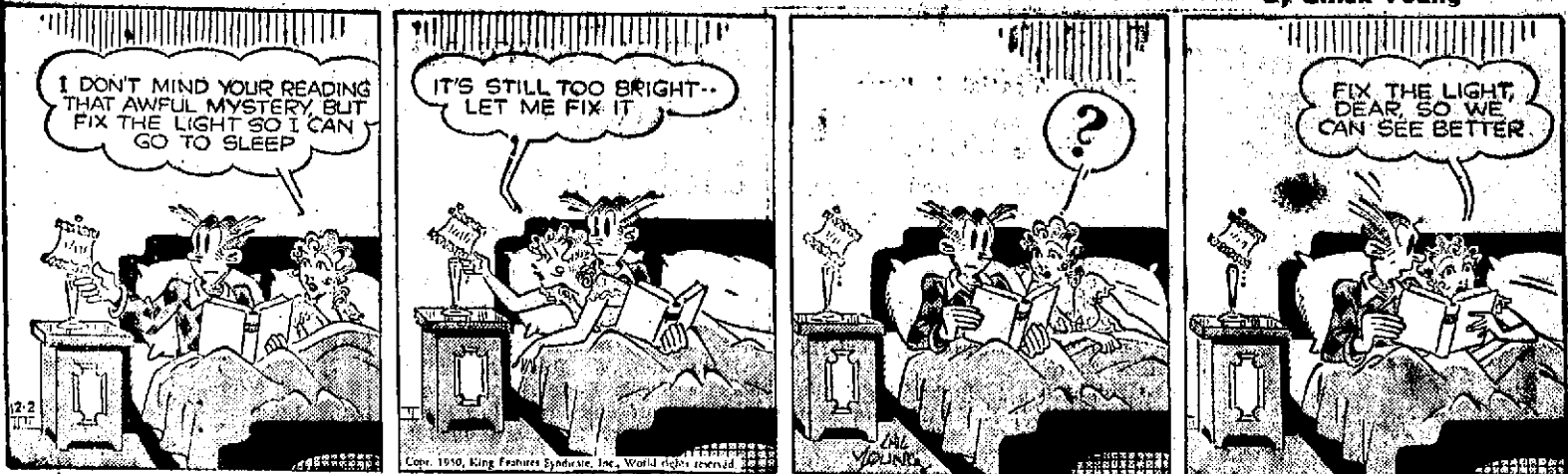
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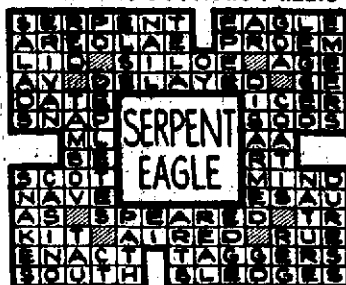
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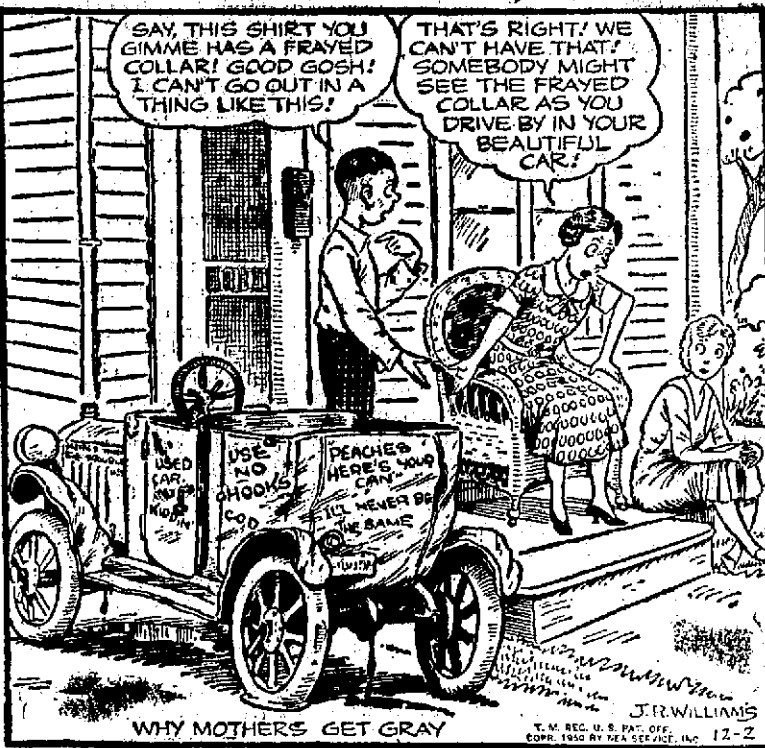
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24 Tooth stump
27 Go by
29 Railroad (ab.)
30 Oriental measure
31 Medical suffix
32 Alleged force
33 Dull and monotonous
35 Reptiles
38 Daybreak (comb. form)
39 Installment paid (ab.)
40 Insane
42 Weapon
47 Yale
48 Eucharistic wine vessel
49 King of Judea
50 Russian community
51 Audacity (slang)
53 New World
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1 Ancestral houses
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



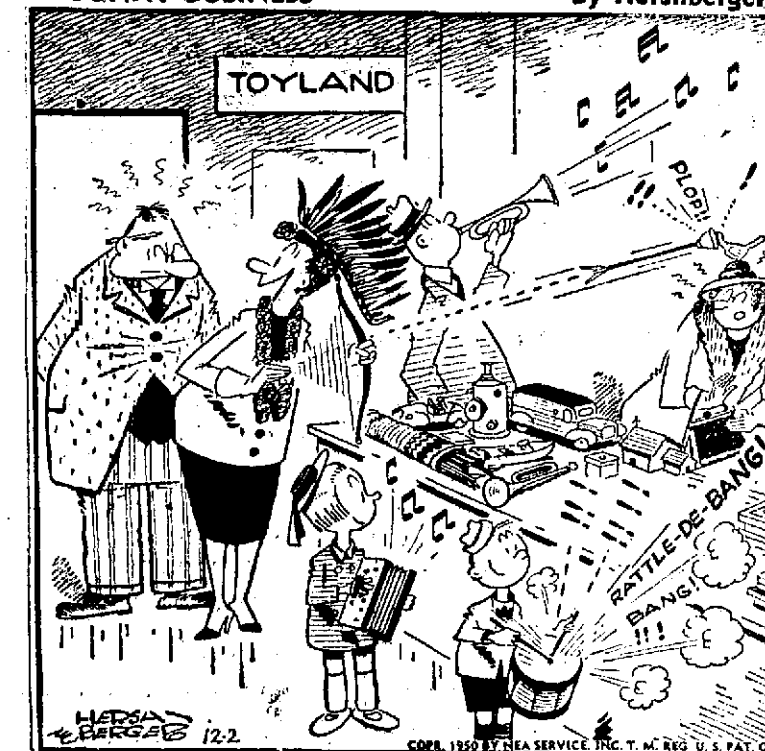
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With Major Hoople



FUNNY BUSINESS

By Hershberger



"Don't mind--we're just keeping young with our children!"

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Blosser



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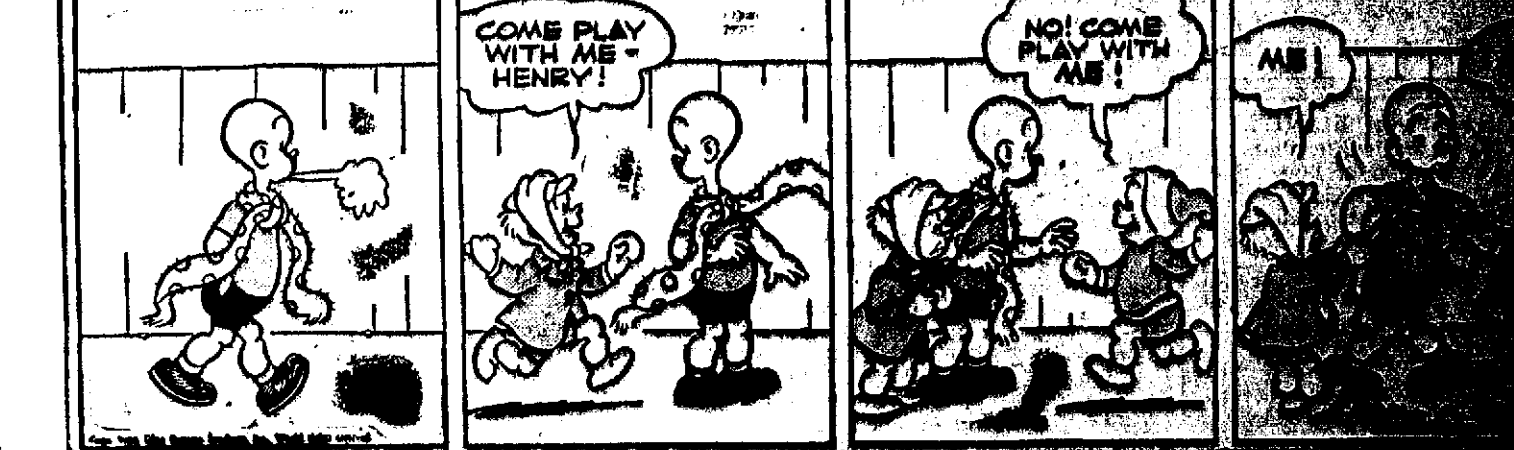
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By Dick Turner



"And if you give me the dime, guv'nor, I promise not to use it in any inflationary spending!"

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



